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Tennessee Awarded \$14.5 Million Substance Abuse Recovery Grant

Program Expands Client Choice in Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Nashville - The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce it will receive approximately \$14.5 million from a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Access to Recovery (ATR) grant over the next three years.

This is a highly competitive grant process; Tennessee was one of 40 entities to apply, and one of only 18 states chosen. Even more significant, Tennessee is one of only 10 states to be awarded the grant for the second time.

The first ATR grant, awarded in August 2004, provided **12,800** Tennessee consumers with substance abuse problems, treatment and/or recovery support services, greatly exceeding the three-year target of 8,250 consumers. In addition the number of treatment providers increased with 50 percent of the ATR providers being faith-based.

Building upon the successes from the 2004 award, Tennessee's reapplication proposed an innovative plan to provide a multifaceted array of treatment and recovery services. Enhanced referral collaboration with the criminal justice system; expansion of a statewide culturally competent provider network of both faith and community-based agencies; and the development of a strengths-based case management model will allow individuals to achieve and maintain recovery by offering consumer choice while improving access to clinical treatment and recovery support services.

“Access to Recovery offers broad treatment options and greater access to recovery support services. Allowing the consumer a voucher to choose the treatment options and providers they believe will help them succeed, encourages personal ownership in the recovery process,” said Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Virginia Trotter Betts. “This grant also enables faith-based, community treatment and support providers to serve more consumers across Tennessee. The strong foundation of our prior ATR successes will allow even more Tennessee citizens the opportunity to recover from addiction.”

For more information on Tennessee’s Access to Recovery program, visit:

<http://state.tn.us/mental/A&D/ATR/index.htm>

For more information on SAMHSA’s Access to Recovery Grants program, visit:

<http://www.atr.samhsa.gov/>. For more information on SAMHSA, visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov/> .

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